



X-MEN BLUE

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X-MEN

BLUE

DISPLACED IN TIME, THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, BEAST, ICEMAN AND ANGEL--HAVE COME TOGETHER ONCE MORE TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT THOUGH MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED, ONE CONSTANT REMAINS: THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN BLUE*...

STEVE ROGERS, A.K.A. CAPTAIN AMERICA, HAS CLAIMED THE UNITED STATES FOR HYDRA. EARTH'S MOST POWERFUL HEROES HAVE BEEN STRANDED BEYOND EARTH'S PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD OR TRAPPED INSIDE THE DARKFORCE BUBBLE THAT ENVELOPS MANHATTAN.

XORN AND EMMA FROST NEGOTIATED WITH HYDRA FOR A SOVEREIGN MUTANT NATION IN ORDER TO KEEP MUTANTS SAFE. NEW TIAN IS LESS IDYLIC THAN IT LOOKS ON THE SURFACE--WHEN DISSIDENTS OF THE NEW REGIME BEGAN BEING ROUNDED UP, JEAN GREY AND HER TEAM ATTEMPTED TO FREE THEM...ONLY FOR THE X-MEN TO BE ATTACKED BY NEW TIAN'S STRIKE FORCE, LED BY NONE OTHER THAN HAVOK, SCOTT'S BROTHER.

SCOTT, BOBBY, WARREN AND HANK HAVE BEEN CAPTURED, FORCING JEAN AND JIMMY TO LAUNCH A RESCUE AIDED BY FELLOW X-MAN, DANGER. BUT EVEN WITH THE EXTRA SUPPORT, HAVOK PROVED TO BE TOO POWERFUL FOR THE TWO TEENS UNTIL UNEXPECTED HELP ARRIVED IN THE FORM OF POLARIS--MAGNETO'S DAUGHTER AND HAVOK'S EX-GIRLFRIEND...

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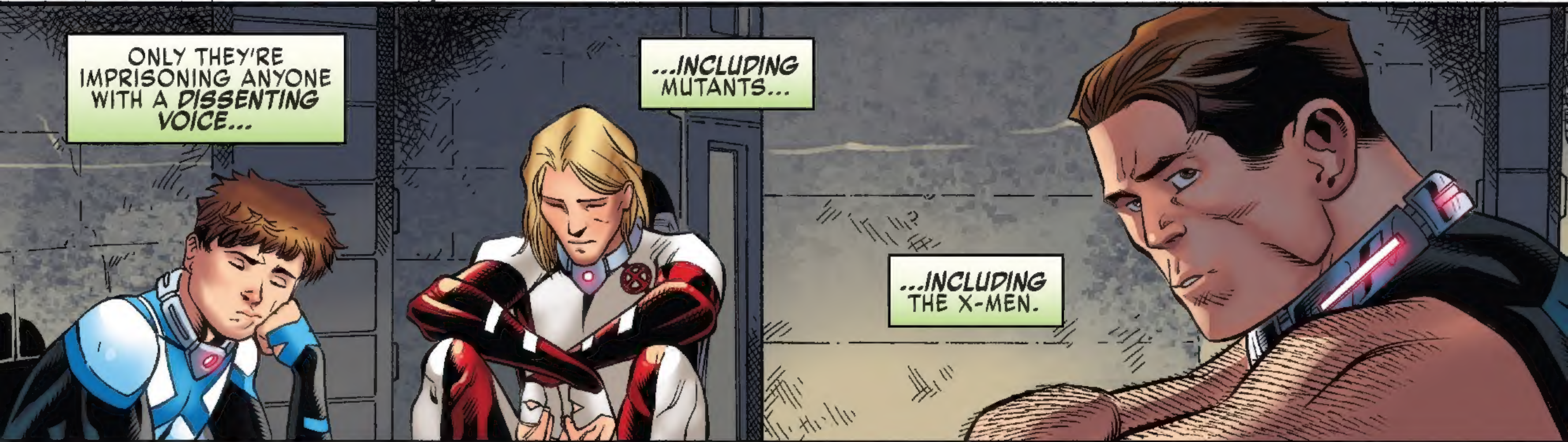


SOMETIMES WHEN YOU'RE ONE OF THE X-MEN... YOU HAVE TO RAID A CASTLE OR TWO.

IN THIS CASE, THE CASTLE BELONGS TO A GROUP THAT'S TRYING TO STAKE A CLAIM FOR MUTANTS IN THIS UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD OF OURS.

THAT'S A GOOD THING, RIGHT?

**UTOPIA,
NEW TIAN,
THE SOVEREIGN MUTANT NATION.**



ONLY THEY'RE IMPRISONING ANYONE WITH A **DISSENTING VOICE...**

...INCLUDING MUTANTS...

...INCLUDING THE X-MEN.



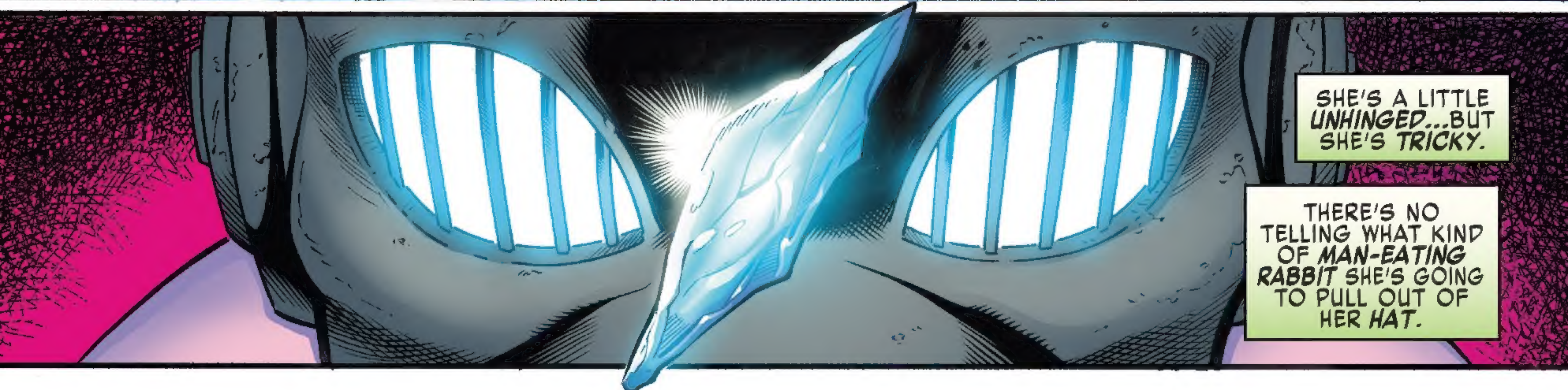
THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO THE WHOLE "RAIDING A CASTLE" SCENARIO.

IT'S A **RESCUE MISSION.**



OF COURSE, THAT MEANS THAT AT SOME POINT THIS LITTLE ADVENTURE IS GOING TO BRING US INTO A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH EMMA FROST-- THE **WHITE QUEEN.**

AND THAT KINDA STINKS.



SHE'S A LITTLE **UNHINGED...** BUT SHE'S **TRICKY.**

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF **MAN-EATING RABBIT** SHE'S GOING TO PULL OUT OF HER HAT.



LUCKILY, WE
HAVE A FEW
TRICKS OF
OUR OWN.

TH-THAT'S
POLARIS!

MAGNETO'S
DAUGHTER!

MAGNETO
HAS KIDS?

I GUESS
SO. NOT AS MANY
AS HE USED TO. IT'S
COMPLICATED.



"BUT IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S ON
OUR SIDE..."



"...SO YAY FOR
DADDY'S LITTLE
MISTRESS OF
MAGNETISM!"



ALEX--
THIS ISN'T
YOU.

YOU'RE NOT
YOURSELF.

WE
WERE CLOSE
ONCE...SO
I'M BEGGING
YOU--

SIDING
WITH EMMA...
ATTACKING
MUTANTS...
ATTACKING
X-MEN.

SHRAZZKOW!



--PLEASE
STOP
FIGHTING.



LORNA...
YOU
HAVEN'T...

...KNOWN
ME FOR A
LONG TIME.

HNNN.

WHO THE
HELL ARE YOU
TO TELL ME I'VE
CHANGED?



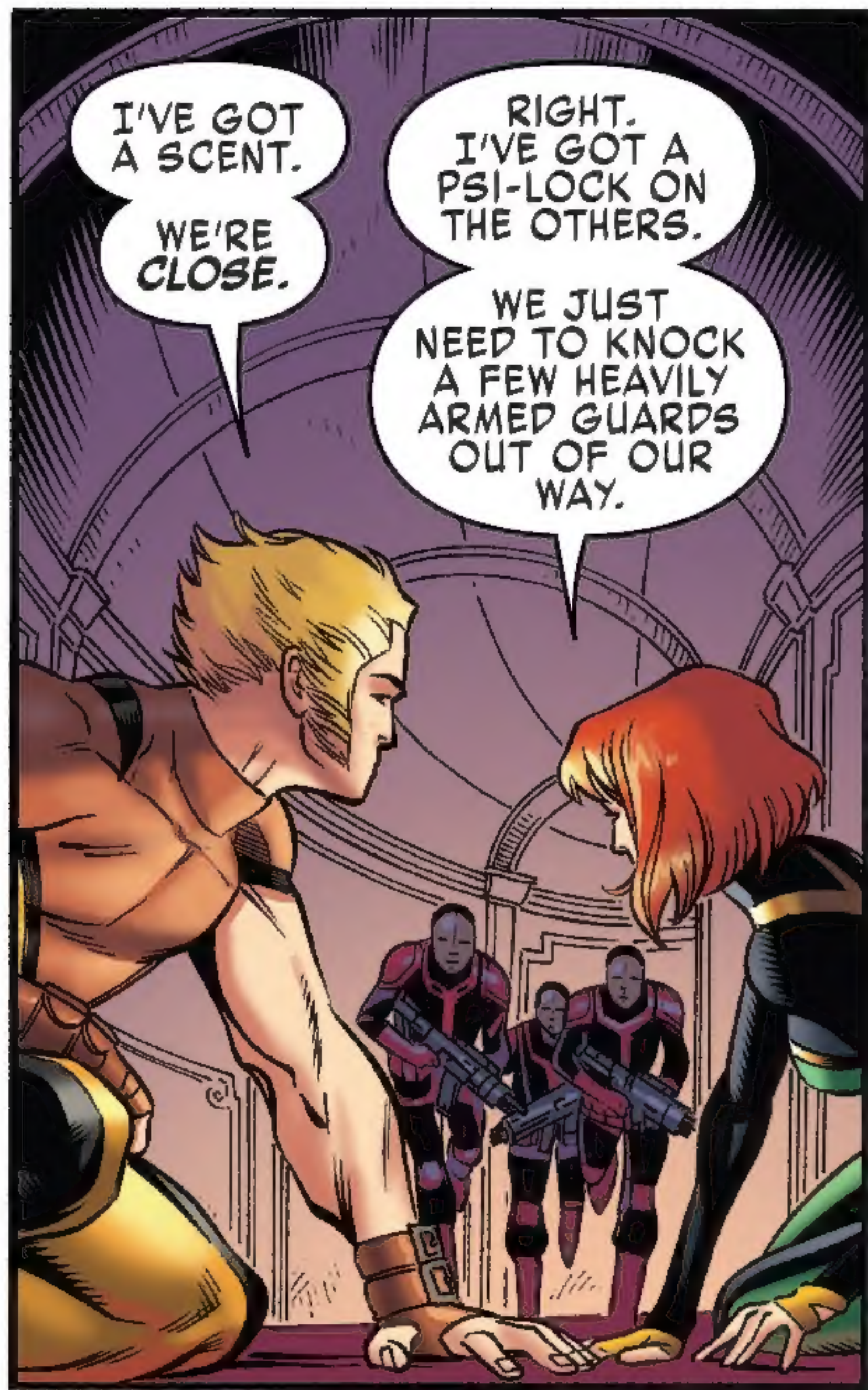
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JIMMY!

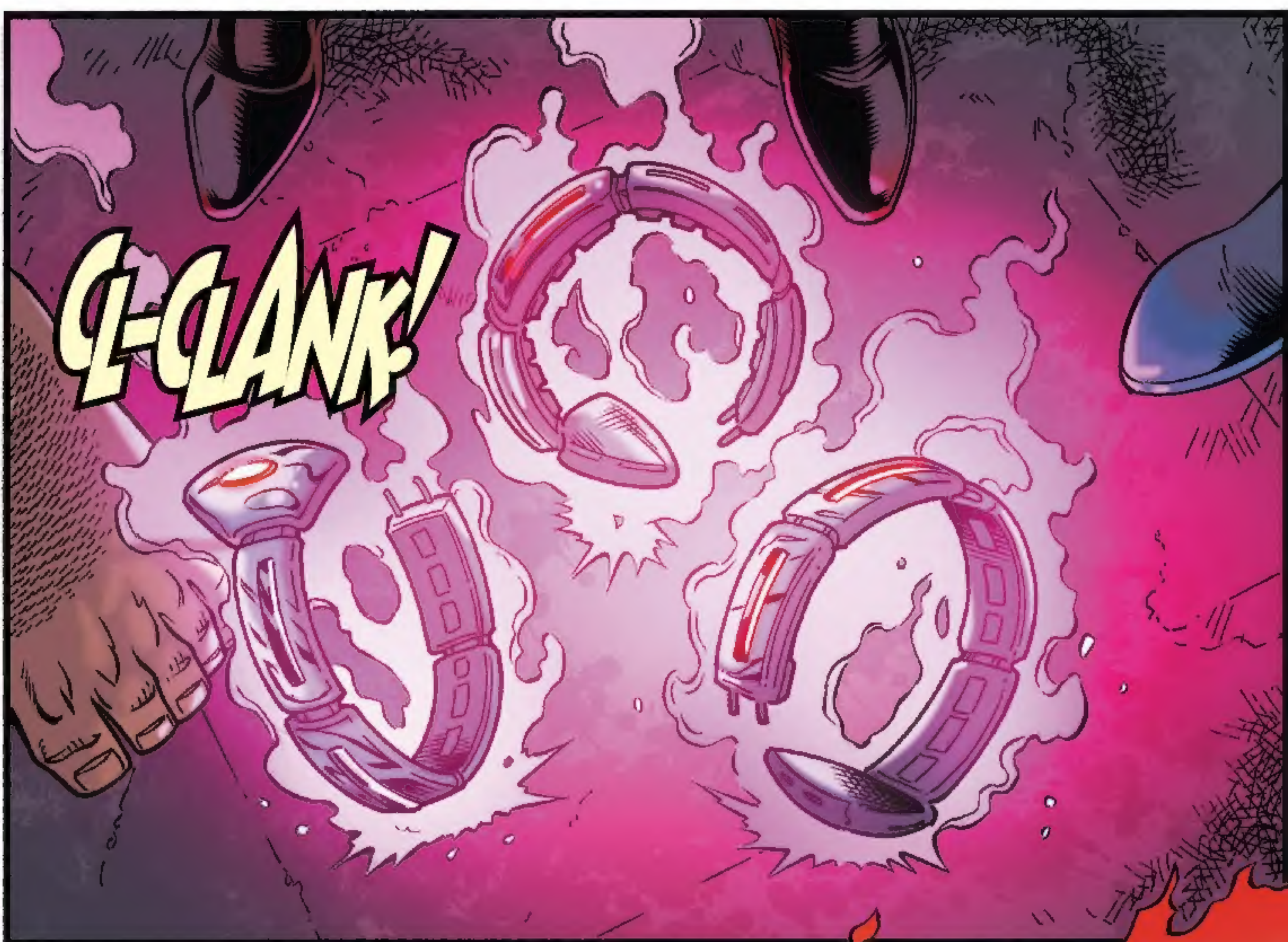
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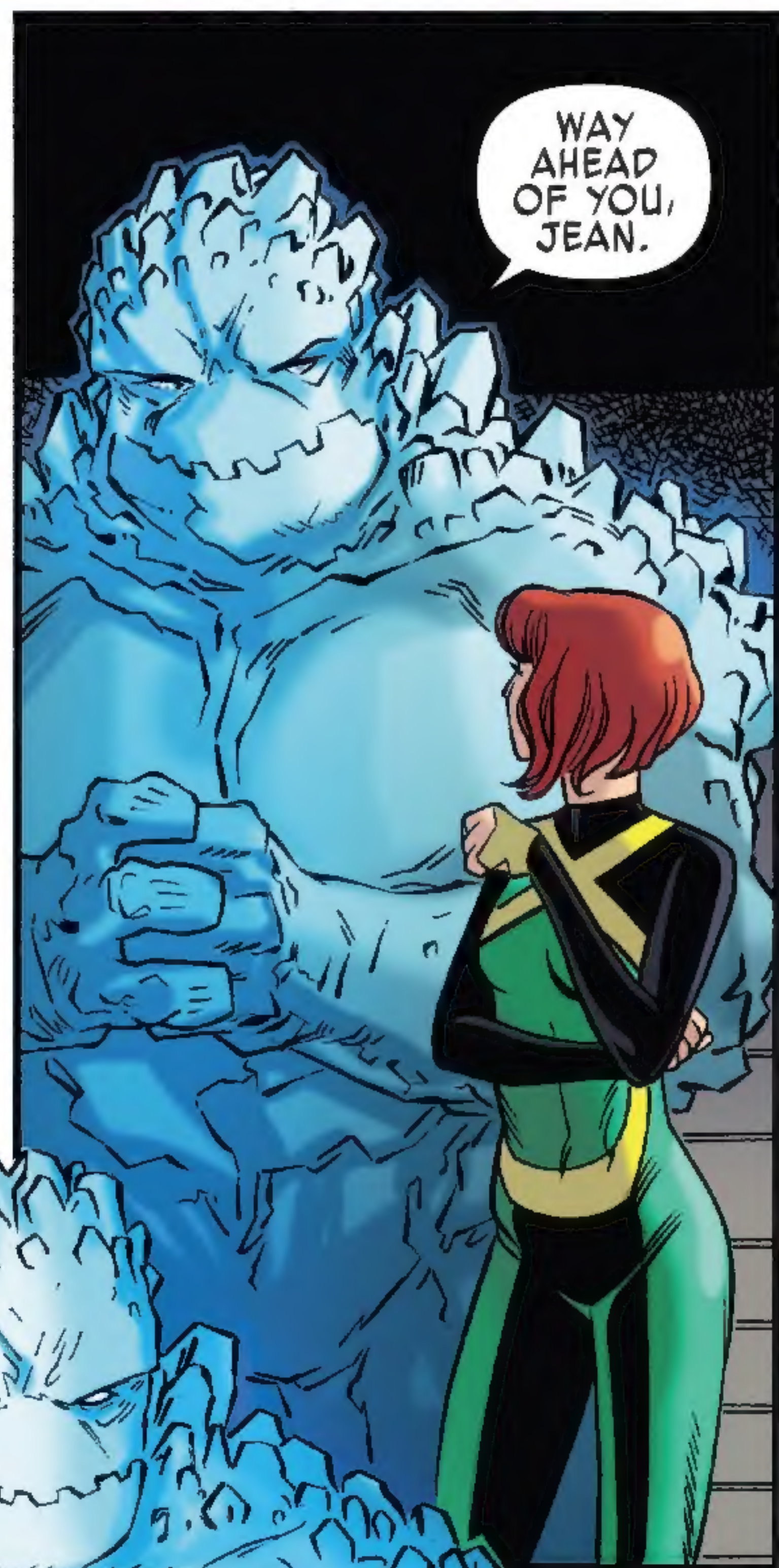
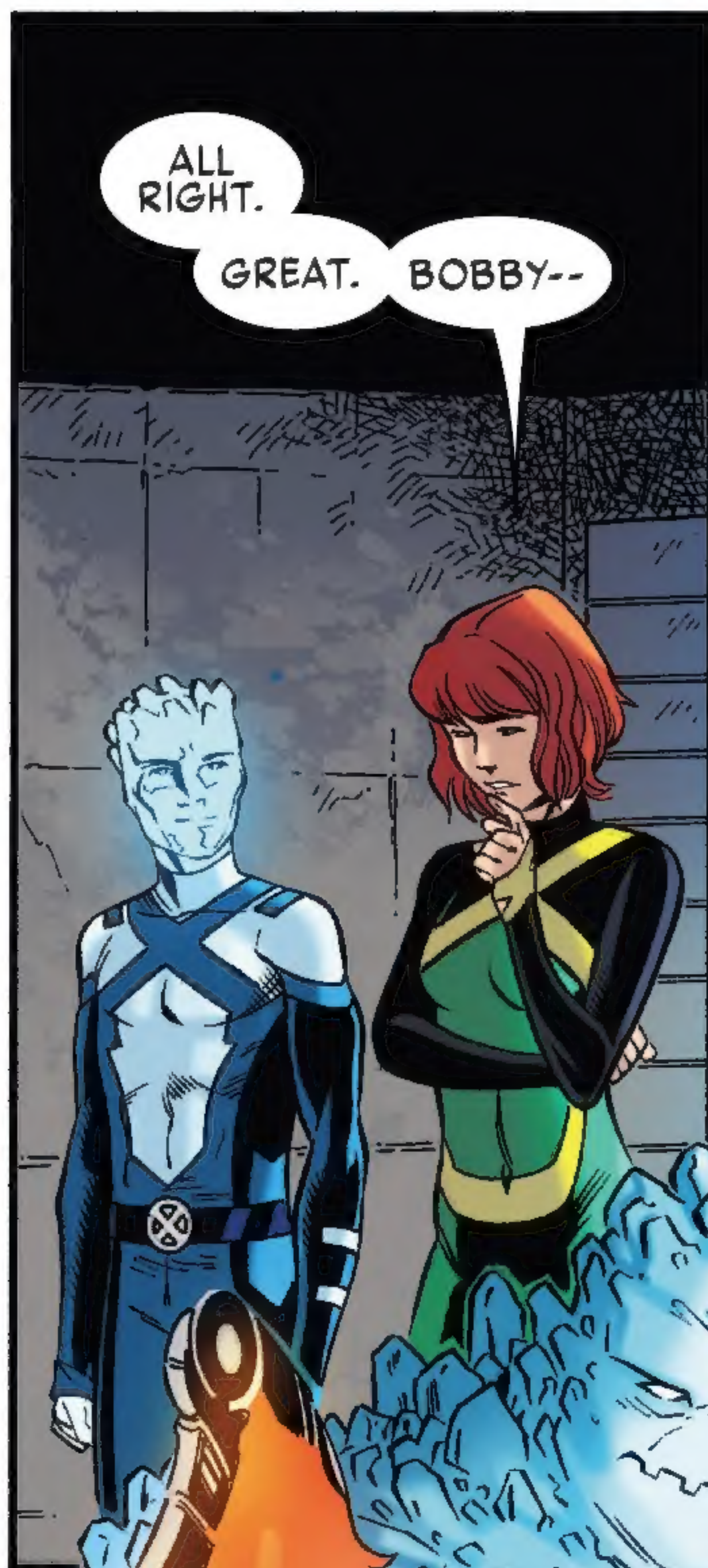
FIND THE
OTHERS!

I'LL
HOLD HAVOK
HERE!











I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET, ALEX.

YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT... BETWEEN MAGNETO AND ME... I WAS THE WEAKEST.

BUT YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO RETHINK THAT.



I'M NOT PICKING UP ANY OF CYCLOPS' THOUGHT PATTERNS.

THAT MEANS HE'S MASKED OR--

HE'S ALIVE, JEAN.



I'D LIKE TO THINK I'VE BEATEN THE EVIL OUT OF YOU.

BUT YOU'RE TOO FAR GONE FOR THAT.

I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU, ALEX.

WHEN YOU WAKE UP, I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT.

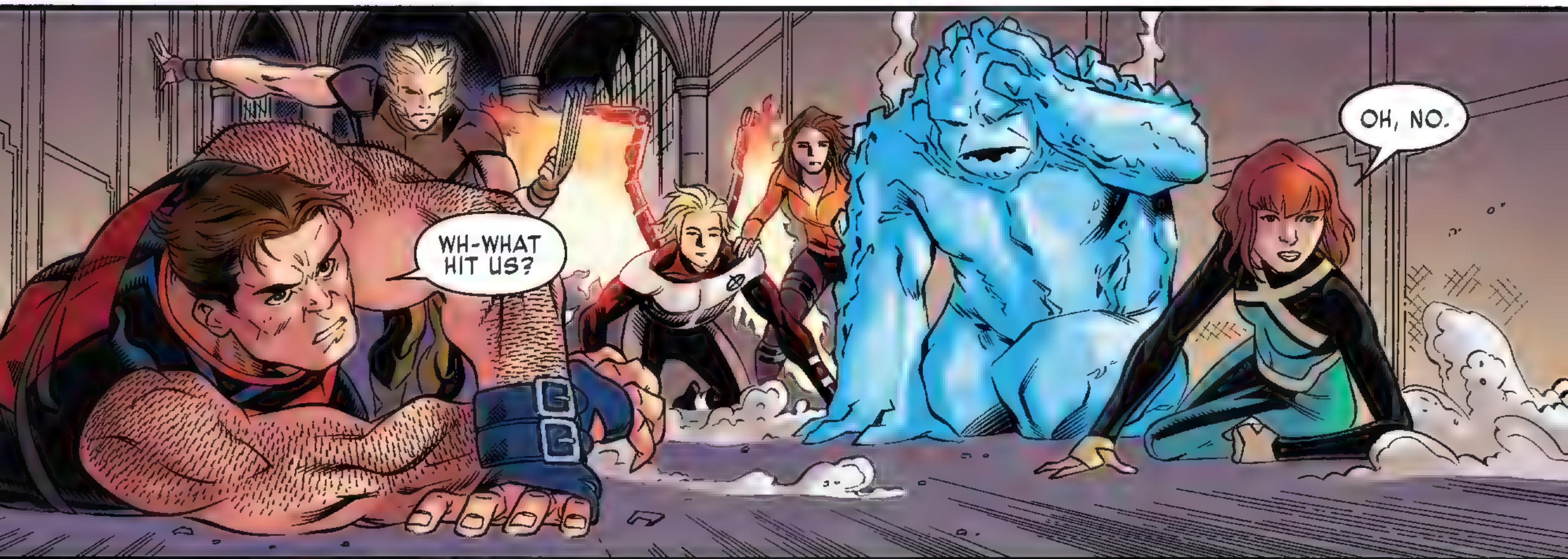
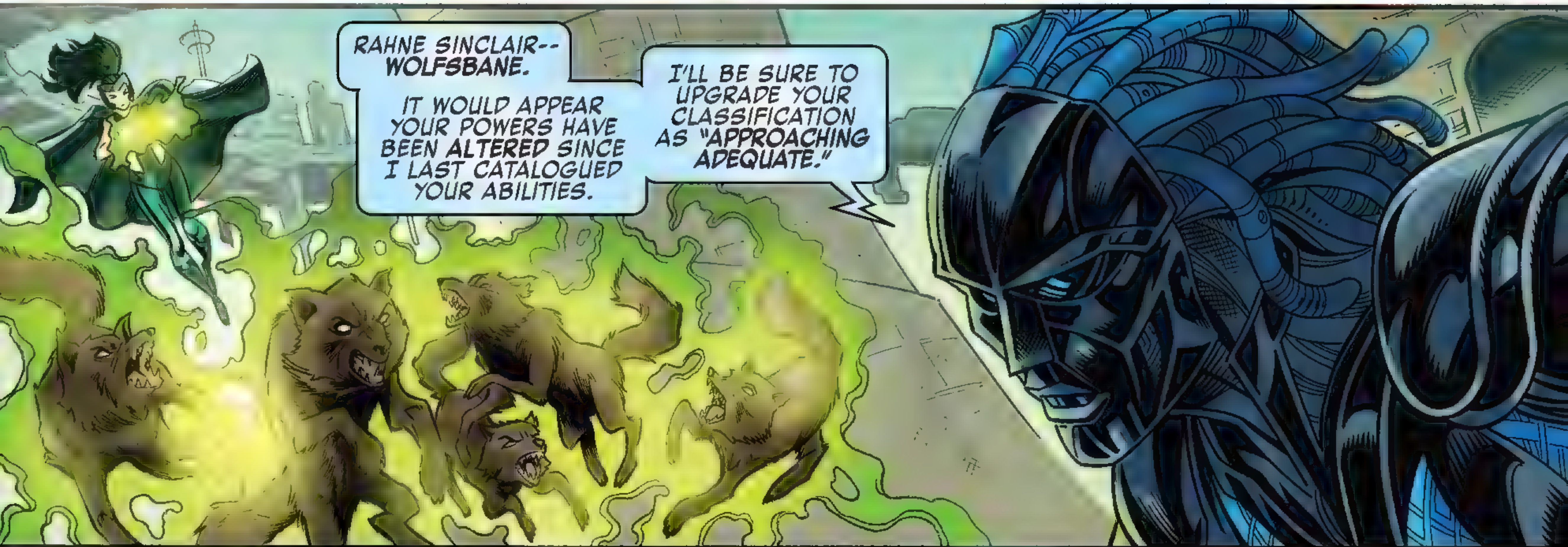
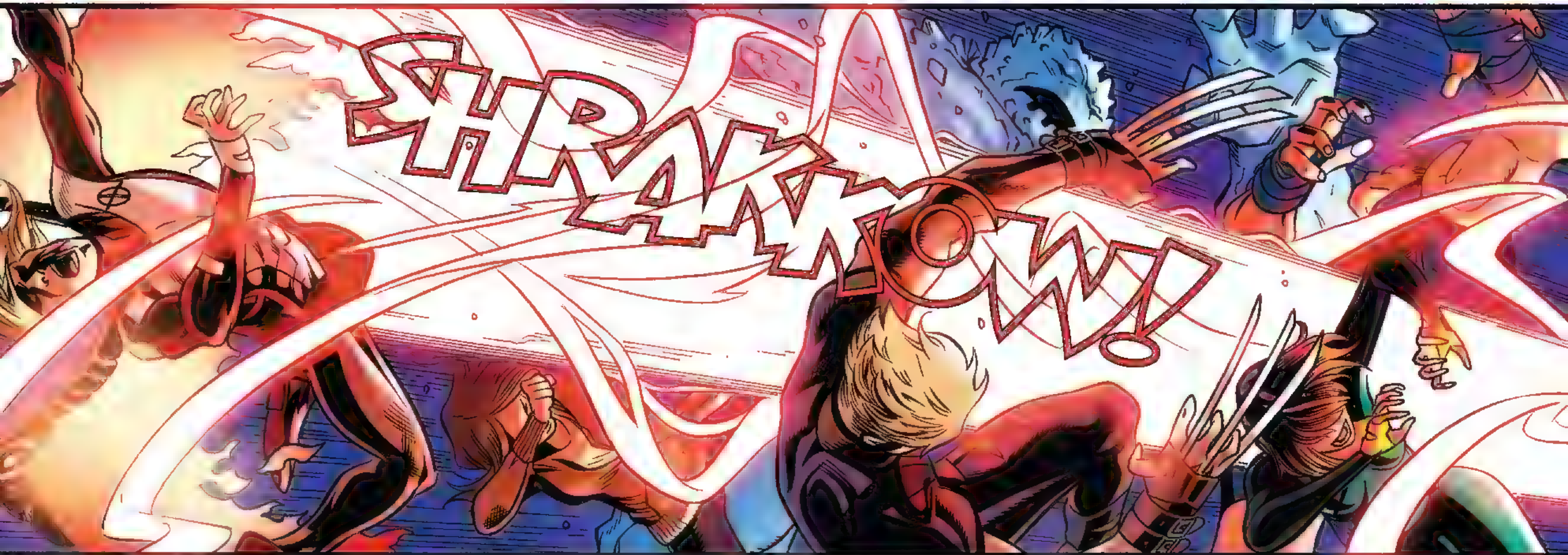


BRIAR--

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME.

ALL THIS COMFORT AND LUXURY WAS STARTING TO CHAFE.

BUT... SCOTT... I'M SENSING HIM SOMEWHERE NEARBY.



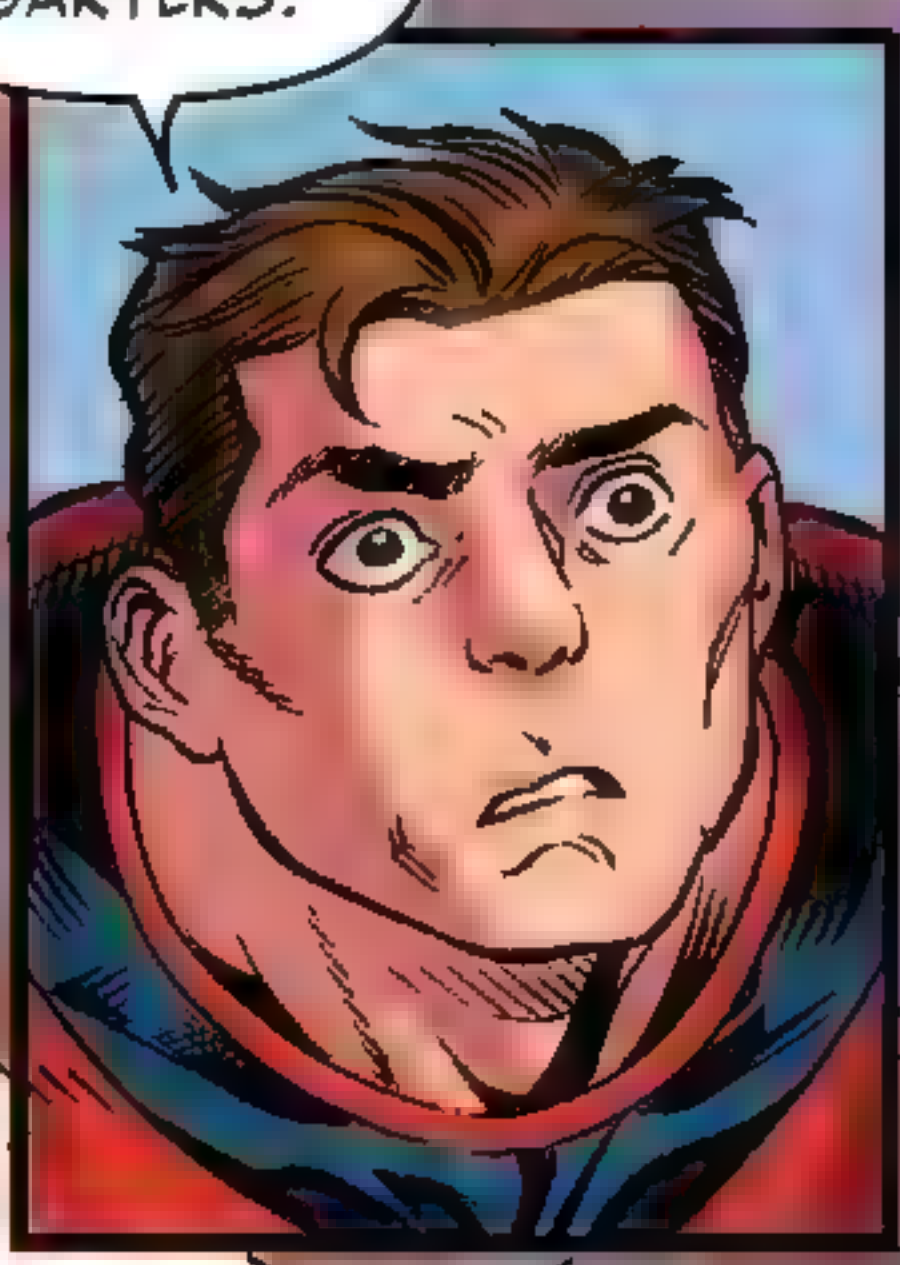
I'LL GIVE
YOU LITTLE
RAGAMUFFINS A
MOMENT OR TWO TO
WALLOW IN YOUR
ASTONISHMENT.

THEN
I'LL KINDLY
HAVE YOUR
SURRENDER.

OR WE'LL
DO AWAY
WITH YOU IN A
MANNER MOST
FINAL.



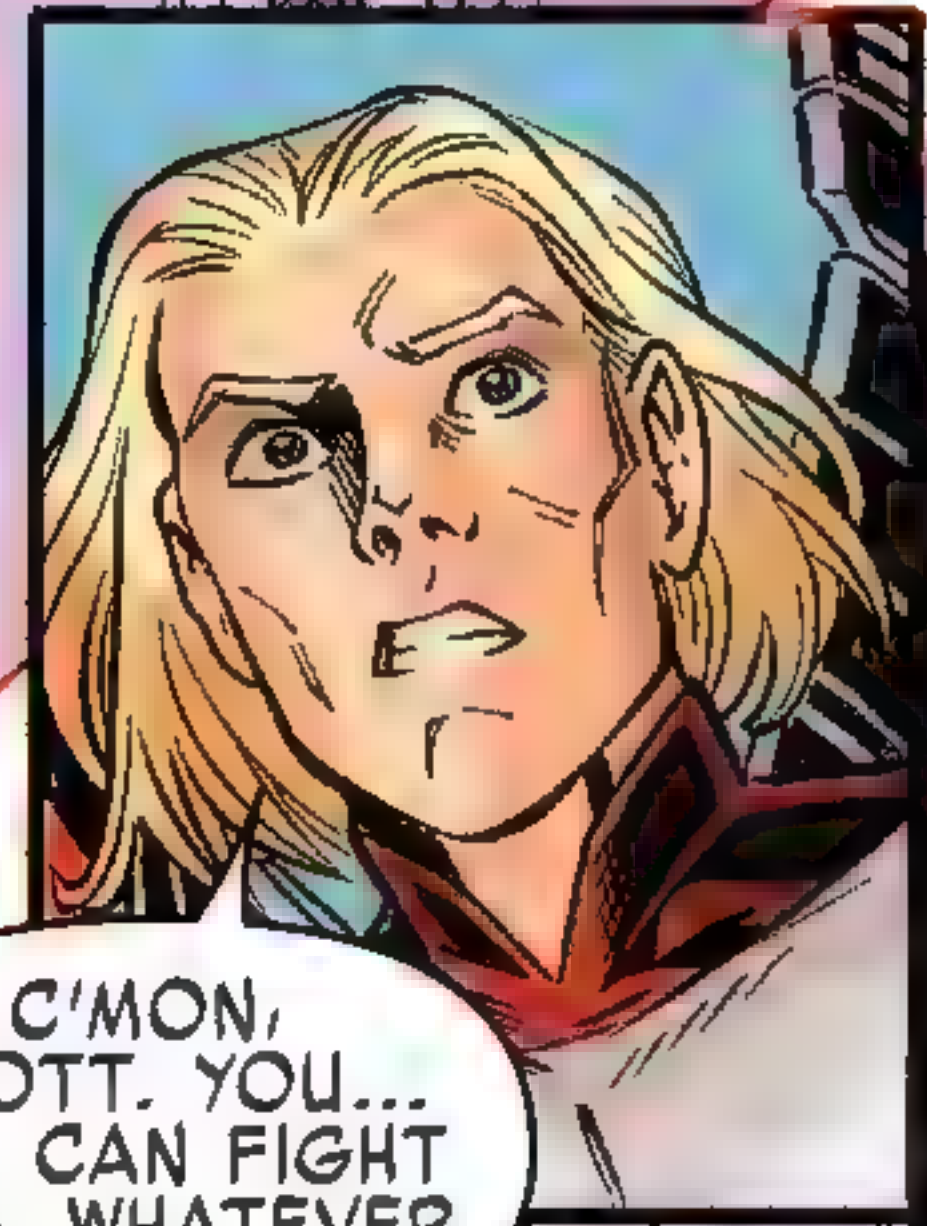
SCOTT?



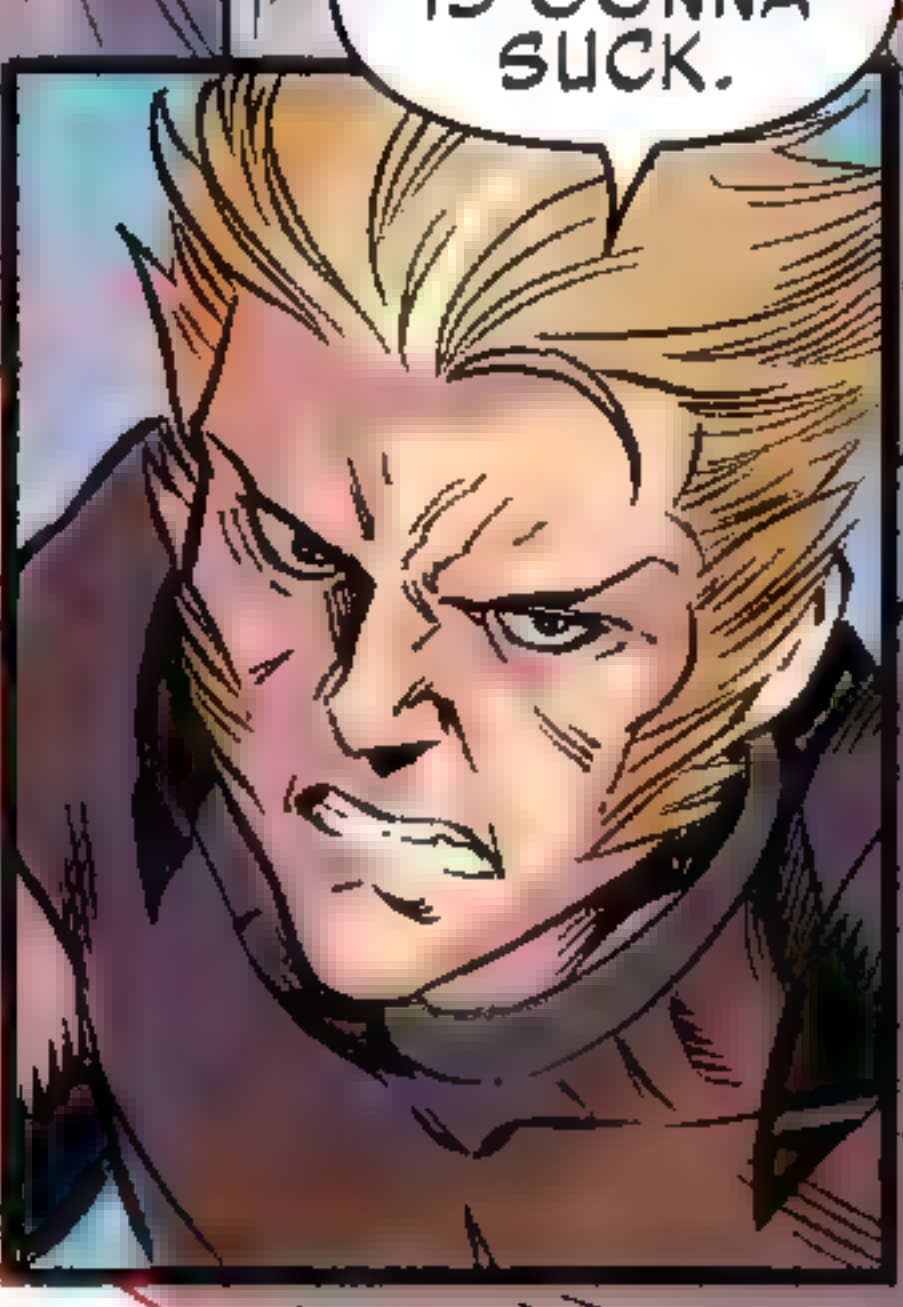
STARS AND
GARTERS.



NOT
COOL.



C'MON,
SCOTT. YOU...
YOU CAN FIGHT
THIS, WHATEVER
THIS IS.



WELL, THIS
IS GONNA
SUCK.

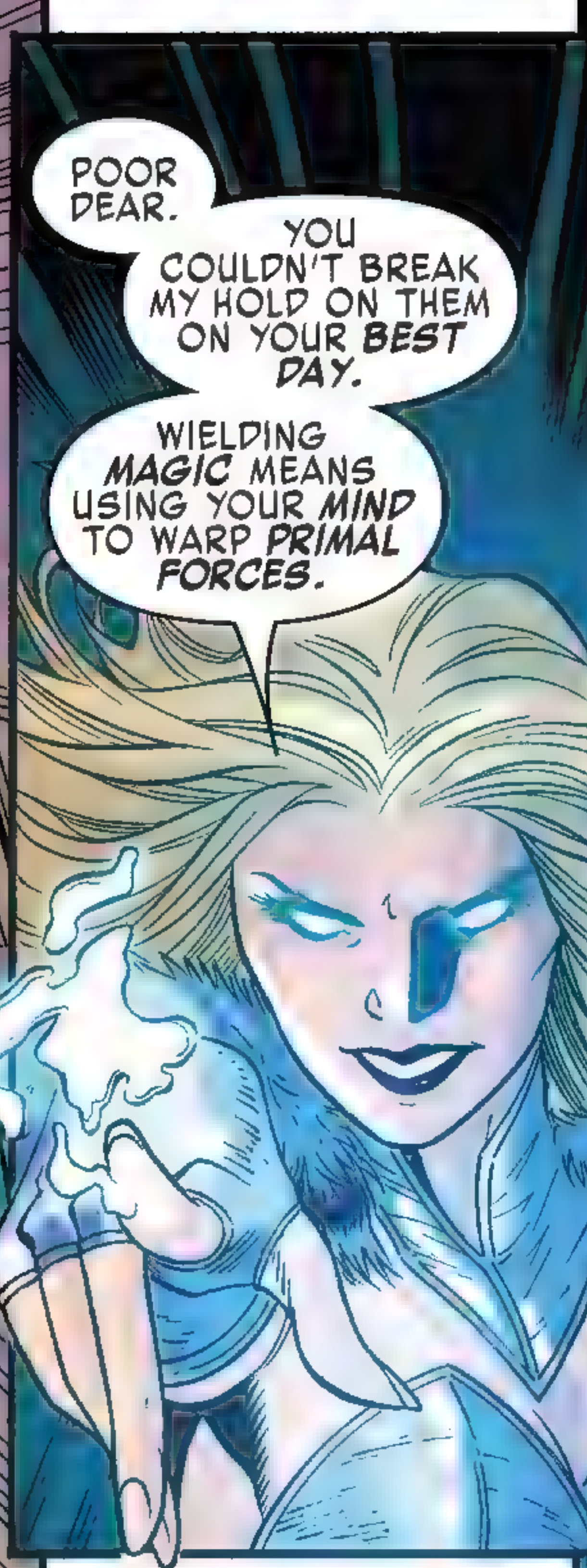




EMMA'S CONTROLLING SCOTT...

...POSSIBLY XORN AS WELL!

I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BREAK HER CONNECTION WITH A VARIATION ON AN EXORCISM--



POOR DEAR.

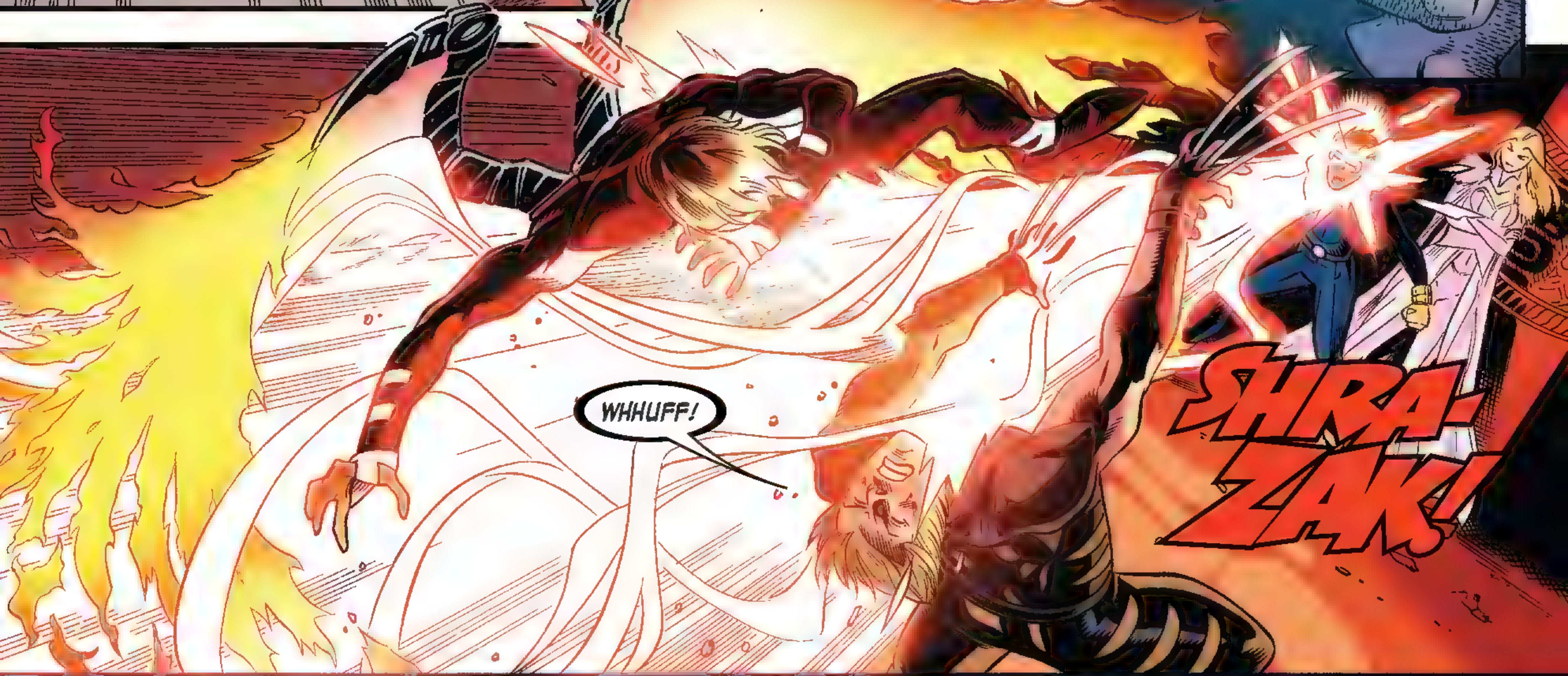
YOU COULDN'T BREAK MY HOLD ON THEM ON YOUR BEST DAY.

WIELDING MAGIC MEANS USING YOUR MIND TO WARP PRIMAL FORCES.



GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

NYEAGH!



WHHUFF!

SHRA-ZAK!

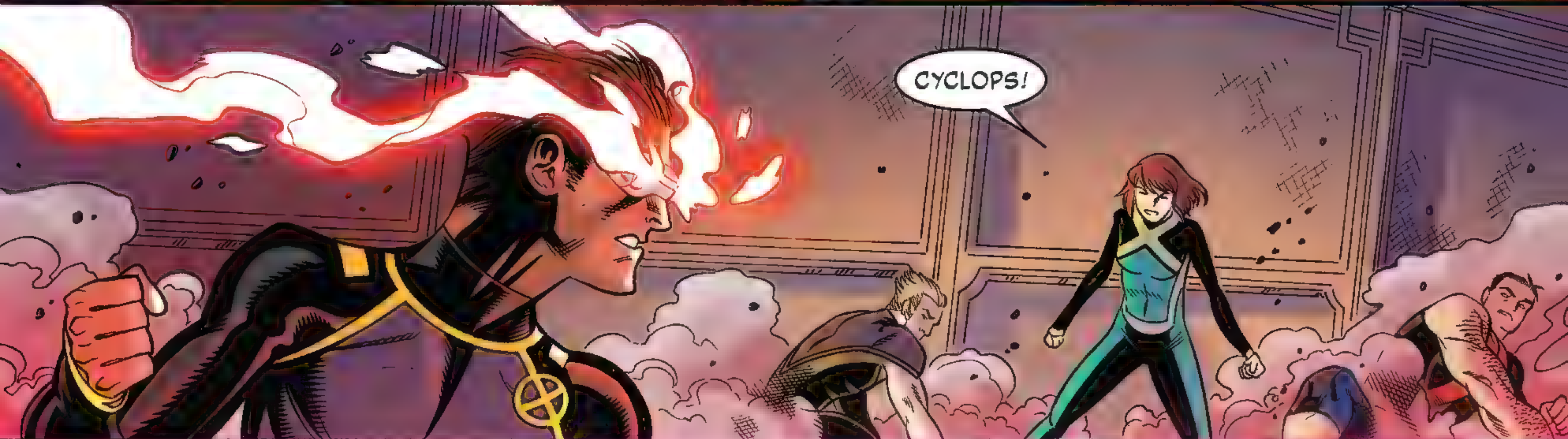
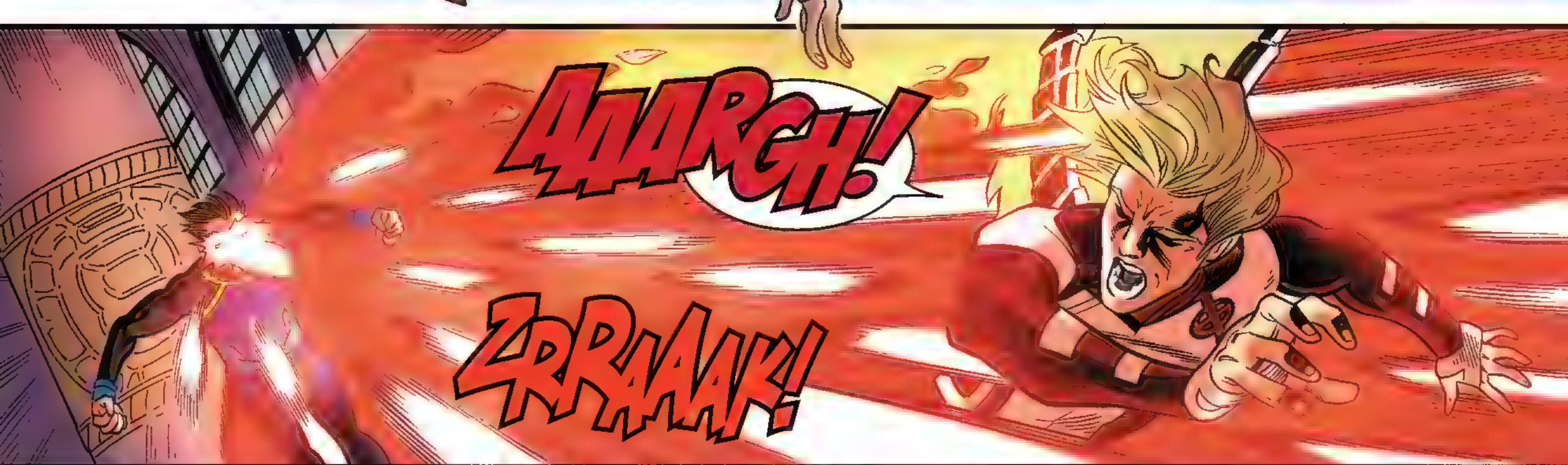


XORN?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME SORT OF PACIFIST GOOD GUY?

YEOOW!

THIS DOES NOT FEEL PACIFISTIC!





EMMA'S MESSING WITH YOUR HEAD, USING YOU LIKE A PUPPET.

SHE'S GOT SOMETHING BOLSTERING HER POWERS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I CAN FEEL IT.

I CAN'T FREE YOU ALONE.

I NEED YOU TO FIGHT THIS.



SHE'S MAKING YOU ATTACK YOUR FRIENDS.

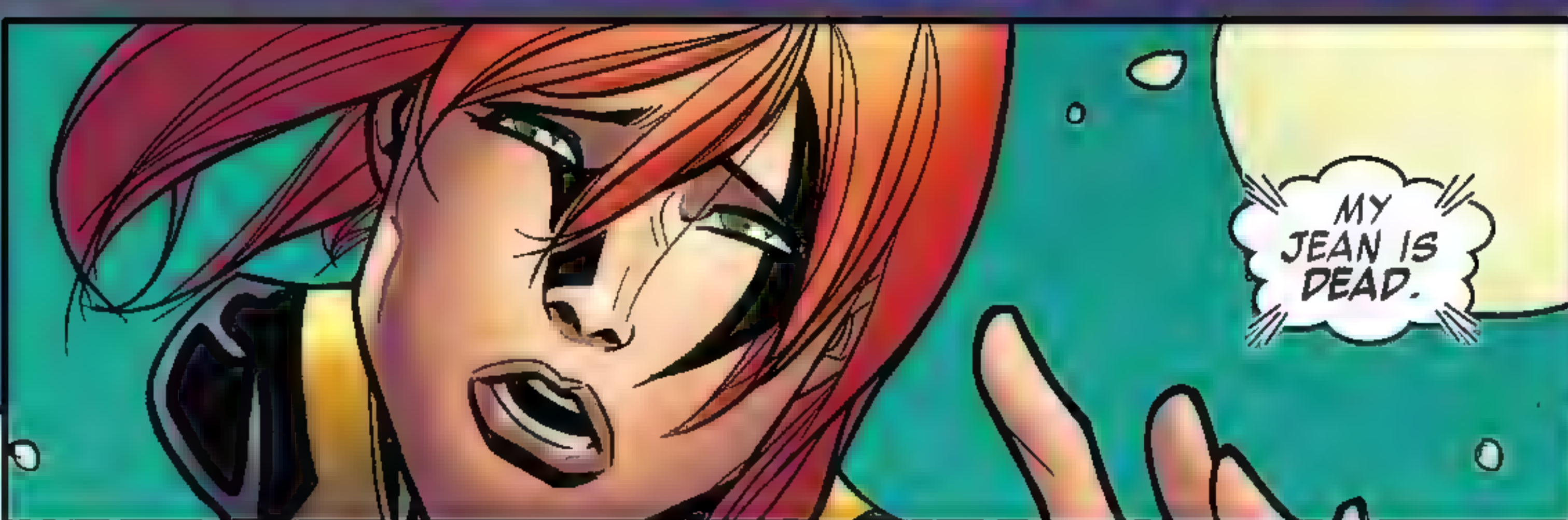
YOU SEE THAT, RIGHT? YOU RECOGNIZE US, DON'T YOU?

IT'S ME, SCOTT. IT'S--

N-NO!

YOU'RE AN ILLUSION.

YOU CAN'T BE JEAN.



MY JEAN IS DEAD.



AND I...
...I'M ALIVE...
...AREN'T I?



THAT'S RIGHT.



YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE AGAIN, DARLING.

MY MEMORY OF YOU WILL BRING YOU BACK TO US.

AND I PROMISE, JEAN GREY IS NOT GOING TO STOP US.



YOU'RE REWRITING HIS PERSONALITY!

YOU'RE TRYING TO TURN HIM INTO WHATEVER IDEALIZED VERSION OF CYCLOPS YOU HAVE RUNNING AROUND IN YOUR HEAD.

YES, DEAR. KEEP CLIMBING INTO THAT LOFTY TOWER OF YOURS.

IT WILL BE ALL THE EASIER TO KNOCK YOU DOWN.

YOU'VE CHANGED THE THOUGHTS OF THOSE AROUND YOU FOR AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN YOU.



I'M CHANGING HIM INTO THE MAN HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE...

...THE MAN MUTANTS NEED...



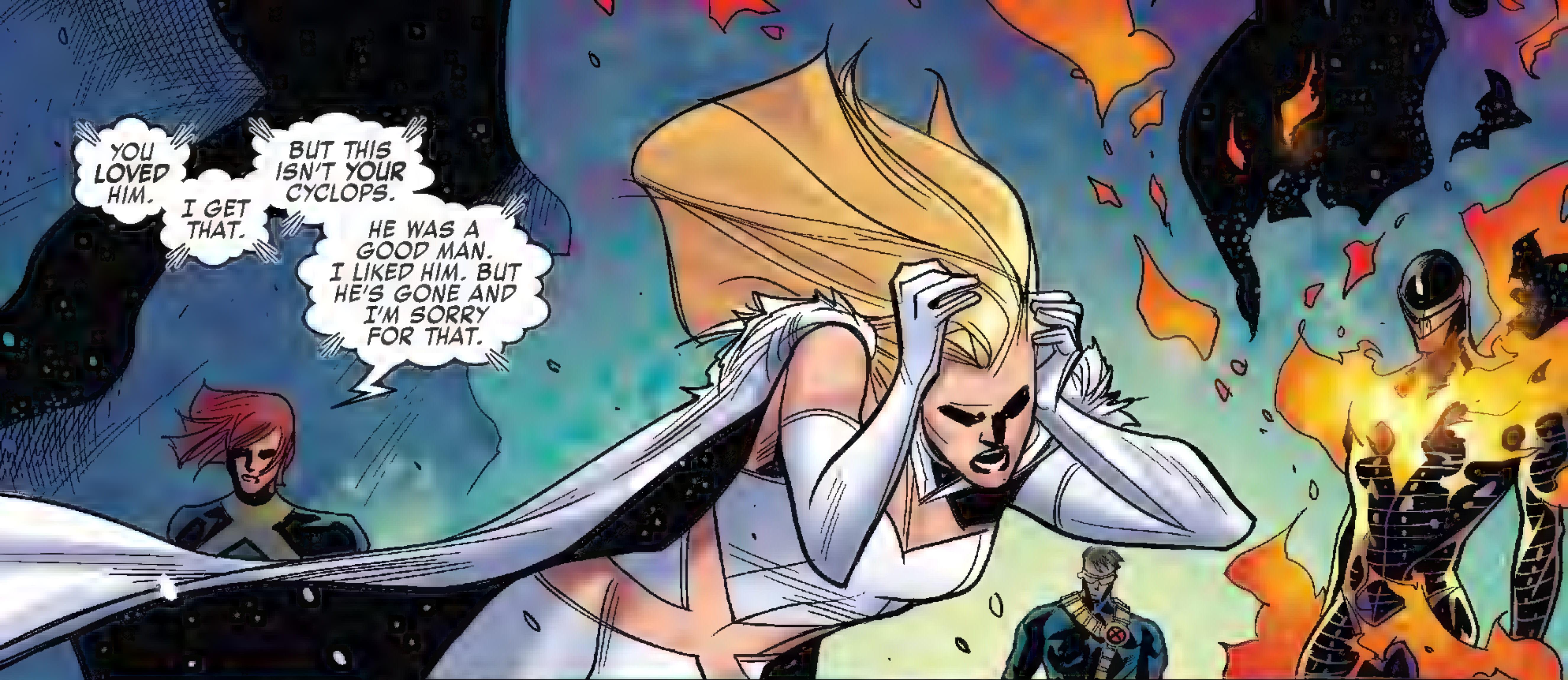
...THAT I NEED...



OH...OH, EMMA.

I KNEW YOU WERE MESSED UP, BUT THIS...

...EVEN YOU HAVE TO SEE HOW WRONG THIS IS.



YOU LOVED HIM.

I GET THAT.

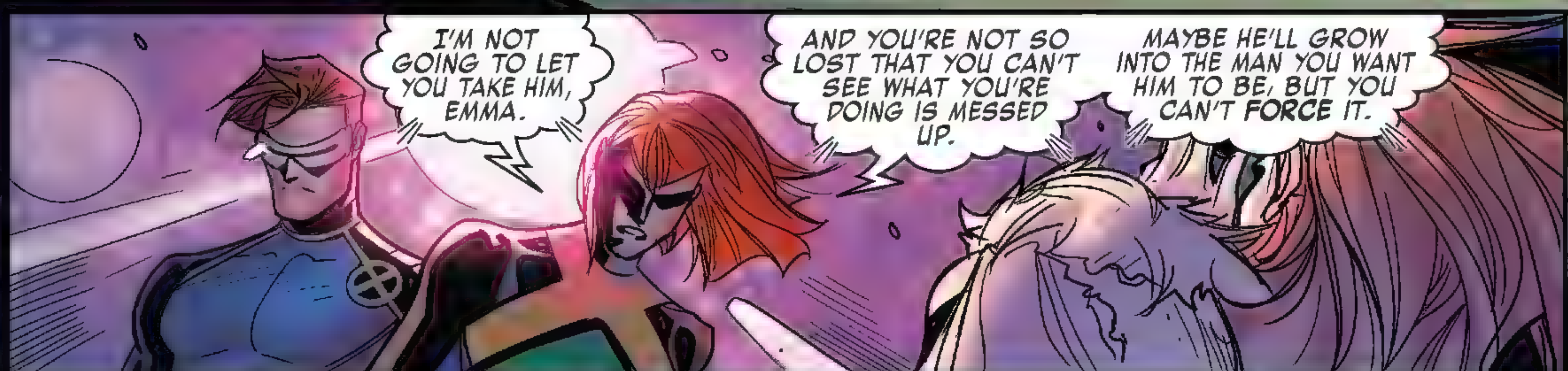
BUT THIS ISN'T YOUR CYCLOPS.

HE WAS A GOOD MAN. I LIKED HIM. BUT HE'S GONE AND I'M SORRY FOR THAT.



YOU'VE GOT TO LET HIM GO.

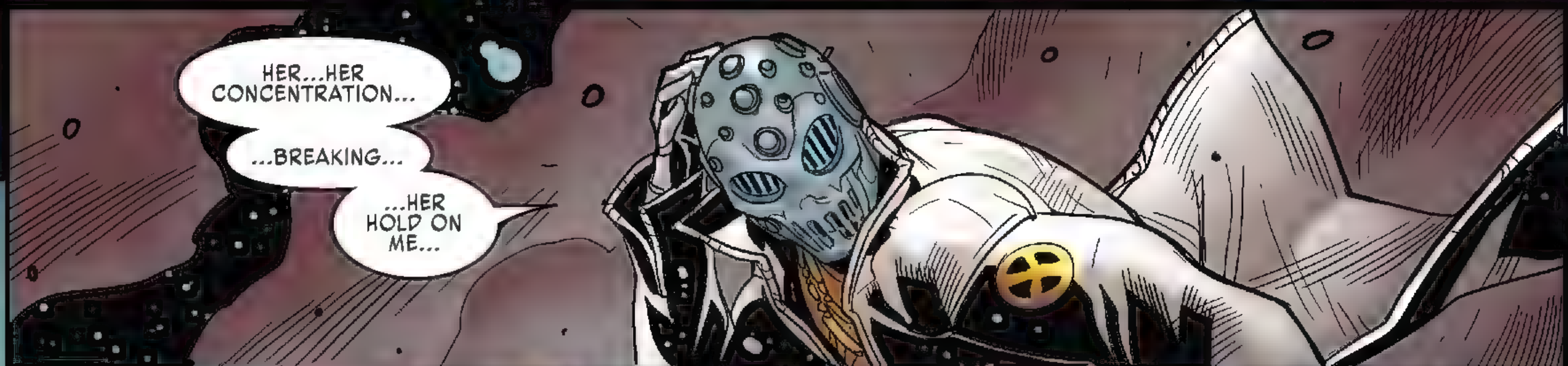
N-NO.



I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TAKE HIM, EMMA.

AND YOU'RE NOT SO LOST THAT YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS MESSED UP.

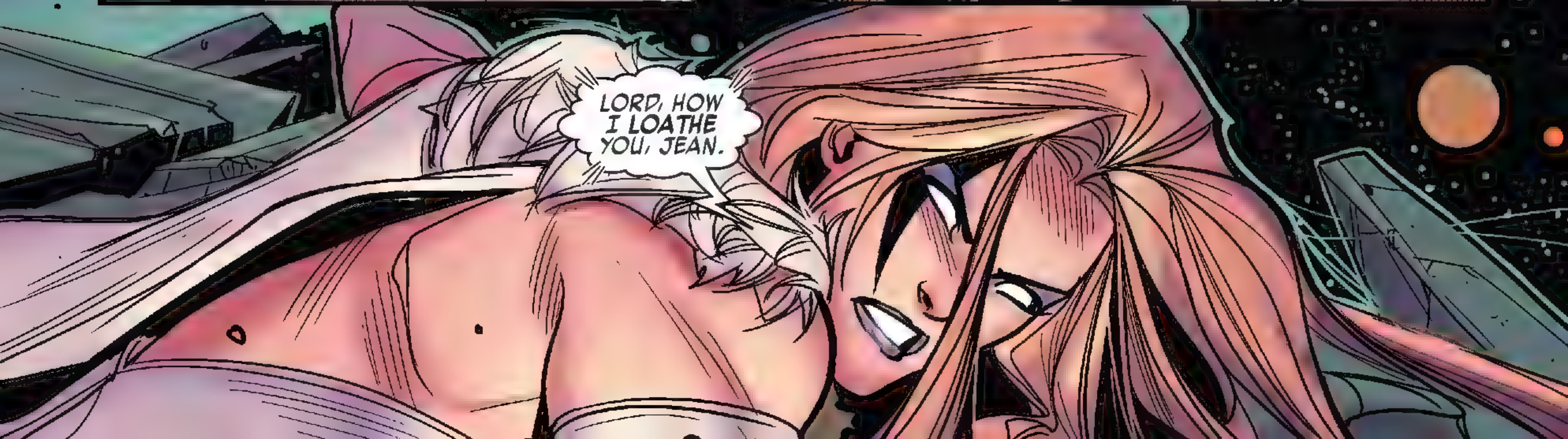
MAYBE HE'LL GROW INTO THE MAN YOU WANT HIM TO BE, BUT YOU CAN'T FORCE IT.



HER...HER CONCENTRATION...

...BREAKING...

...HER HOLD ON ME...



LORD, HOW I LOATHE YOU, JEAN.





I WOULD
SO LOVE TO
CHAT, TOAD...

...TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
THIS *SECONDARY*
MUTATION OF
YOURS.

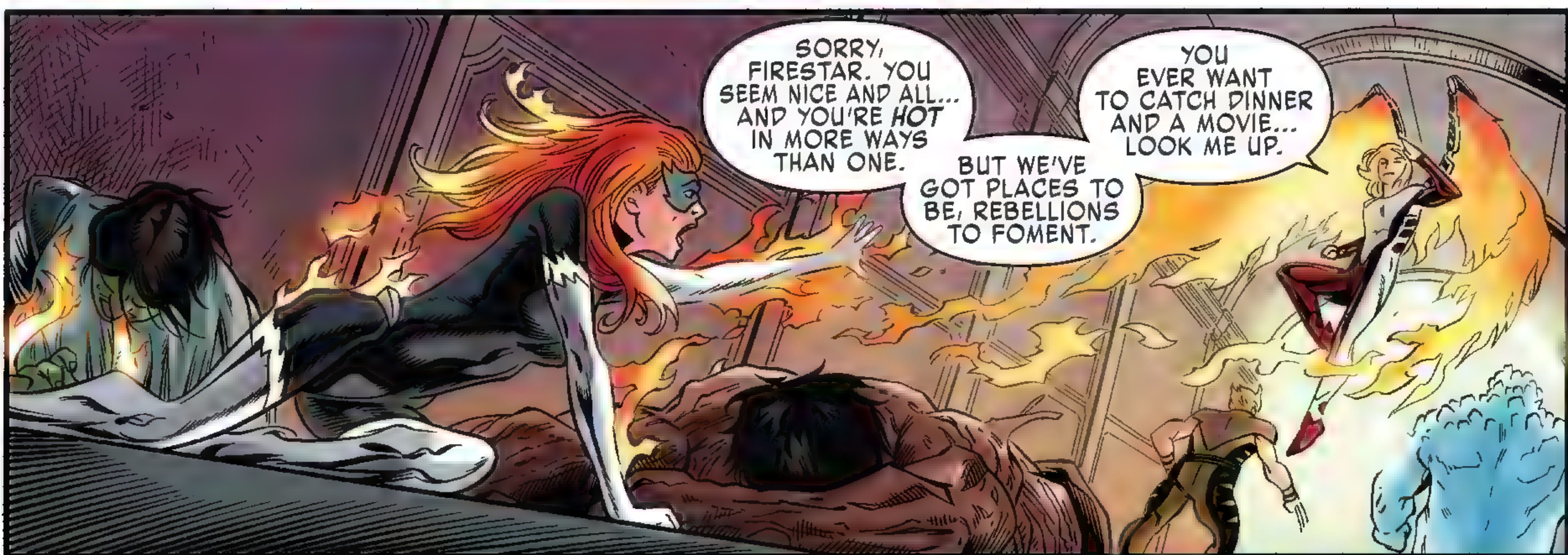
PERHAPS,
THOUGH, *SOME*
OTHER TIME
WOULD BE MORE
PRUDENT?

WAAUGH!

OUT OF
THE WAY,
TREEBEARD!

THWOMP!

THWOCK!



SORRY,
FIRESTAR. YOU
SEEM NICE AND ALL...
AND YOU'RE HOT
IN MORE WAYS
THAN ONE.

BUT WE'VE
GOT PLACES TO
BE, REBELLIONS
TO FOMENT.

YOU
EVER WANT
TO CATCH DINNER
AND A MOVIE...
LOOK ME UP.



THE X-MEN HAVE
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE THEIR
CAPTORS.

YOU
OWE ME \$10,
DANGER.

YES.
PASSING
MARKS ALL
AROUND.

I'LL SETTLE MY
DEBT AFTER WE
HAVE REACHED A
SAFE AREA.



"SO...MAGNETO
SENT THE TWO
OF YOU TO
BABYSIT US?"

AND--ALL
THIS TIME--OUR
BLACKBIRD HAS
BEEN THE DANGER
ROOM?

WE'VE BEEN
FLYING AROUND
INSIDE YOUR
STOMACH OR
WHATEVER?

NO,
ICEMAN.

I DO
NOT HAVE A
STOMACH AS YOU
UNDERSTAND
IT.

AND,
YES.

MAGNETO
ASKED POLARIS
AND ME TO
"BABYSIT"
YOU.

YOU
ALL RIGHT,
SCOTT?

YOU'RE
WITH US NOW,
RIGHT?

Y-YEAH.

BUT...THIS...
HOW YOU'RE
COMMUNICATING
WITH ME...

...IT'S
DIFFERENT.

I KNOW...
IT'S MORE...
EFFORTLESS.

THE WHITE QUEEN HAD
SOMETHING ENHANCING HER
POWERS...SOME KIND OF
PSYCHIC AMPLIFIER.

WHEN WE
WERE IN HER
PSI-SPACE, I
THINK SOME OF
IT BLEED INTO OUR
CONNECTION...
MAKING IT
PERMANENT.

YOU MEAN
WE CAN ALWAYS
HEAR EACH OTHER'S
THOUGHTS?

THIS IS
GONNA BE
AWKWARD.

WHY WOULD MAGNETO HAVE
DANGER WATCH OVER US
SECRETLY?

AND WHY
WOULD HE NOT
TELL US THAT HIS
OWN DAUGHTER WAS
ALSO KEEPING
TABS ON US?

WE WERE
MONITORING
YOU, HENRY.

DANGER IN
HER WAY, BRIAR
IN HERS, AND ME
IN MY OWN.

WE'RE NOT
JUST HERE TO
PULL YOUR FAT FROM
THE FIRE, YOU
UNDERSTAND.

WE'RE
YOUR
TEACHERS
NOW.

TEACHERS?

**ANNAMITE
MOUNTAINS.
VIETNAM.**

I DON'T LIKE
THESE REPORTS
I'M HEARING OUT
OF NEW TIAN,
MAGNETO.

I THOUGHT
WE HAD AN
UNDERSTANDING.

I HAVE
HONORED OUR
AGREEMENT,
CAPTAIN.

I FIND
THAT HARD TO
BELIEVE.

I CANNOT
BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ACTIONS
OF THE
X-MEN.

THEY ARE
ACTING WITHOUT
SANCTION.

THIS
ISN'T WHAT
WE TALKED
ABOUT.

YOU WERE
GOING INTO
RETIREMENT.

AND I
WASN'T GOING
TO NEED TO
ELIMINATE
YOU.

IF YOU
COULD
ACCOMPLISH
THAT,
CAPTAIN...

...YOU
WOULDN'T HAVE
STRUCK A BARGAIN
WITH ME IN THE
FIRST PLACE.

TAKE CARE
WITH YOUR
THREATS.

FOR IF
THE X-MEN
WERE ACTING IN
ACCORDANCE
WITH MY
WISHES...

...I WOULD
HATE FOR THEM
TO TURN THEIR
ATTENTION AWAY
FROM NEW
TIAN...

...AND
TOWARD THE
BLASPHEMY YOU
CALL HYDRA'S
AMERICA.

**BENEATH
UTOPIA.**

...AND
WHAT ABOUT
XORN?

HE'S UNDER
CONTROL ONCE
MORE.

ALTHOUGH
MY HOLD ON HIM
IS FRACTURED
AT BEST.

EVEN WITH THE
ADDED POWER OF
THE COSMIC CUBE
FRAGMENT, I CAN'T KEEP
HIM REIGNED IN FOR LONG.

NOT THAT IT
MATTERS.

NEW TIAN IS
ON BORROWED
TIME. WE BOTH
KNOW IT.

SOON
IT WILL BE JUST
AS RUINED AS THE
ATLANTEAN SPIRE THAT
KEEPS UTOPIA AFLOAT.

IT'S ALL
COMING APART,
YES.

BUT IT GAVE US
WHAT WE NEEDED
FOR THE TIME
BEING.

THIS
"MUTANT
HOMELAND" HAS
SERVED ITS
PURPOSE.

**MISS
SINISTER.**

BASTION.

WE'VE HAD
ENOUGH RAW
MATERIAL TO
TEST OUR
FINDINGS.

NOW WE
MOVE ON
TO STAGE
TWO.

WE'RE TAKING
MOTHERVINE
GLOBAL.

**NEXT:
DOUBLE DOUBLE,
TOIL AND TROUBLE**

HOUSE OF X

At any given day while walking down the HALLS OF X, I can't help but be amazed at all the uncanny stories our characters have been through. The sheer amount of imagination that's fueled epic missions, shocking demises, unexpected returns, tragic romances, jaw-dropping betrayals and acts of inspiring, selfless heroism is enough to power a small sun. As a reader I could hardly wait for the next issue. I'd scour the pages over and over for any hint or sign as to what might be in store for our misfortunate and misunderstood mutant heroes. I loved it when a writer, artist or editor would drop a subtle clue and get my speculative juices flowing.

In the past week I've walked down the Halls of X with some extremely imaginative storytellers. A few days ago, Greg Pak and Fred Van Lente came in to plan a special arc in WEAPON X. The next day Charles Soule came in to map out some amazing twists and turns coming in ASTONISHING X-MEN. About 24 hours ago, I met with a writer (who must remain anonymous) about some huge plans we have for the end of the year.

And, dear reader, I can't help but want to tell you about these incredible plans! I can, after all, appreciate a good near spoiler. But, alas, since I've taken an oath of secrecy I can only do my second favorite thing to editing X-Men comics and that's... to give you clues as to what's coming up in X-Men comics! For some arbitrary reason, let's do five:

Red!

Switch!

Mother!

Negative!

Seáncé!

X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and Lan Medina. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!
Issue #10!

X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Giovanni Valletta. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast!
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WEAPON X:

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